

In the claims:

1-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) A method of treating a human cancer patient, ~~said the~~ patient having undergone a malignant cell debulking procedure associated with at least partial loss of hematopoiesis, and having further undergone autologous stem cell transplantation incident to ~~said the~~ debulking procedure, ~~said the~~ patient being at risk ~~for of~~ disease relapse due to a population of residual malignant cells that may remain viable in ~~said the~~ patient following ~~said the~~ debulking procedure, ~~said the~~ method comprising ~~the following steps in the order listed:~~

- (a) ~~monitoring said patient for levels of hematopoietic cells;~~
- (b)(a) administering to ~~said the~~ patient ~~HLA-compatible, allogeneic~~ peripheral blood lymphocytes in a regimen that causes a clinically mild graft-versus-host response, wherein ~~said administering is after patient is partially hematopoiesis recovered but is not fully immune reconstituted~~ a dose of lymphocytes derived from a lymphocyte donor in a regimen selected so as to cause at least partial engraftment of said lymphocytes in the patient, said lymphocyte donor being allogeneic with the patient; and
- (e)(b) ~~monitoring said patient for levels of malignant cells deriving from said population~~ administering to the patient a dose of stem cells derived from a stem cell donor in a regimen selected so as to cause minimal graft-versus-host disease (GVHD) in the patient, said stem cell donor being allogeneic with the patient, thereby treating the cancer in the patient.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said regimen selected so as to cause said minimal GVHD in the patient is selected so as to cause a clinically significant graft-versus-malignant cell response in the patient.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein said regimen comprises the following steps in sequence:

- (i) treating said patient by administration of about 10^7 cells/kg to about 10^9 cells/kg of HLA-compatible, allogeneic peripheral blood lymphocytes;
- (ii) monitoring said patient for indications of a graft-versus-malignant cell response or for indications of a graft-versus-host response; and
- (iii) if no or insufficient graft-versus-malignant cell response or graft-versus-host response develops in said patient, escalating said

treatment by performing at least one procedure selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) administration of a number of HLA-compatible, allogeneic peripheral blood lymphocytes greater than the number of lymphocytes administered in step (i);
- (2) administration of a number of HLA-compatible, allogeneic peripheral blood lymphocytes at least as great as the number of lymphocytes administered in step (i), accompanied by administration of at least one T-cell-activating cytokine to said patient;
- (3) administration of HLA-compatible, allogeneic cytokine-activated lymphocytes (CAL) to said patient; and
- (4) administration of HLA-compatible, allogeneic CAL, accompanied by administration in vivo of at least one T-cell activating cytokine to said patient;

wherein more than one of said procedures is performed if no or insufficient graft-versus-malignant response or graft-versus-host response develops in said patient following said first or subsequent procedure.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22, wherein step (i) further comprises administration in vivo of at least one T-cell-activating cytokine to said patient.

24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein said regimen comprises the following steps in sequence:

- (i) administering to said patient about 10^7 cells/kg to about 10^9 cells/kg of HLA-compatible, allogeneic peripheral blood lymphocytes and at least one T-cell-activating cytokine to said patient;
- (ii) monitoring said patient for indications of a graft-versus-malignant cell response or for indications of a graft-versus-host response; and
- ~~(iii) if no or insufficient graft-versus-malignant cell or graft-versus-host~~ response develops in said patient, administering about 10^7 cells/kg to about 10^9 cells/kg of HLA-compatible, allogeneic cytokine-activated lymphocytes (CAL) and at least one T-cell-activating cytokine to said patient.

25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein said regimen comprises the following steps in sequence:

- (i) administering to said patient about 10^5 cells/kg to about 10^9 cells/kg of HLA-compatible, allogeneic peripheral blood lymphocytes, said HLA-compatible, allogeneic peripheral blood lymphocytes comprising cytokine-activated lymphocytes (CAL), and at least one T-cell-activating cytokine to said patient;
- (ii) monitoring said patient for indications of a graft-versus-malignant cell response or for indications of a mild graft-versus-host response; and
- (iii) if no or insufficient graft-versus-malignant cell or graft-versus-host response develops in said patient, administering about 10^5 cells/kg to about 10^9 cells/kg of HLA-compatible, allogeneic CAL and at least one T-cell-activating cytokine to said patient.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22, wherein said cytokine is selected from the group consisting of IL2, IL4, IL5, IL6, IL7, IFN-alpha, IFN-gamma and TNF-alpha.

27. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said autologous

stem cells are obtained from bone marrow.

28. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said autologous stem cells are obtained from the peripheral circulation.

29. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said autologous stem cells are obtained from ~~fetal sources selected from the group consisting of fetal tissue, fetal circulation and umbilical cord blood.~~

30. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, ~~where in~~wherein said ~~malignant cells are~~the cancer is a leukemia-cells.

31. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said ~~malignant cells are~~the cancer is a lymphoma-cells.

32. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said ~~HLA-compatible cells are~~said lymphocyte donor is fully HLA-matched with said ~~patient~~the patient.

33. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said ~~HLA-compatible cells are~~lymphocyte donor is at least HLA-haploidentical with said ~~patient~~the patient.

34. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said ~~HLA-compatible cells are~~lymphocyte donor is HLA haplotype-mismatched with the patient at a single HLA locus-mismatched cells from a sibling of said patient.

35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein said regimen comprises the following steps in sequence:

- (i) administering to said patient about 10^5 cells/kg to about 10^9 cells/kg of HLA-compatible, allogeneic peripheral blood lymphocytes, said

HLA-compatible, allogeneic peripheral blood lymphocytes comprising cytokine-activated lymphocytes (CAL);

- (ii) monitoring said patient for indications of a graft-versus-malignant cell response or for indications of graft-versus-host response; and
 - (iii) if no or insufficient graft-versus-malignant cell or graft-versus-host response develops in said patient, administering about 10^5 cells/kg to about 10^9 cells/kg of HLA-compatible, allogeneic CAL and at least one lymphocyte-activating cytokine to said patient.
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36. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein said cytokine is selected from the group consisting of IL2, IL4, IL5, IL6, IL7, IFN-alpha, IFN-gamma and TNF-alpha.

37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 24, wherein said cytokine is selected from the group consisting of IL2, IL4, IL5, IL6, IL7, IFN-alpha, IFN-gamma and TNF-alpha.

38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 25, wherein said cytokine is selected from the group consisting of IL2, IL4, IL5, IL6, IL7, IFN-alpha, IFN-gamma and TNF-alpha.

39. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said lymphocyte donor is a sibling of the patient.

40. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the patient is in partial remission with respect to the cancer prior to said administering to the patient said dose of lymphocytes.

41. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein said regimen selected so as to cause at least partial engraftment of said lymphocytes in the patient is selected so as to cause full engraftment of said lymphocytes in the patient.

42. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said dose of said lymphocytes is a split dose which includes a first administration of said lymphocytes in a regimen selected so as to not lead to substantial engraftment of said lymphocytes in the patient.

43. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said dose of said lymphocytes is selected from a range of about ten million cells per kilogram to about one billion cells per kilogram.

44. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said minimal GVHD is GVHD having a grade selected from a range of grade I to grade II.

45. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said minimal GVHD is mucocutaneous GVHD.

46. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said minimal GVHD is GVHD involving the oral cavity.

47. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said minimal GVHD is GVHD involving the skin.

48. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said minimal GVHD is GVHD not substantially involving the intestines.

49. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said minimal GVHD is GVHD not substantially involving the liver.

50. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said regimen minimal GVHD is acute GVHD.

51. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said minimal GVHD is chronic GVHD.

52. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said stem cell donor is fully HLA-matched with the patient.

53. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said stem cell donor is at least HLA-haploidentical with the patient.

54. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said stem cell donor is HLA haplotype-mismatched with the patient at a single HLA locus.

55. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said stem cell donor is a sibling of the patient.

56. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said stem cell donor and said lymphocyte donor are syngeneic.

57. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said stem cell donor is said lymphocyte donor.

58. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said lymphocytes are peripheral blood lymphocytes (PBLs).

59. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the patient is a human.

60. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said administering to the patient said dose of lymphocytes is effected during a period selected from the range of 90 to 124 days following said autologous stem cell transplantation.

61. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said administering to the patient said dose of stem cells is effected following said administering to the patient said dose of lymphocytes.

62. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said administering to the patient

said dose of stem cells is effected following said at least partial engraftment of said lymphocytes in the patient.

63. (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising monitoring the patient for levels of malignant cells deriving from said population of residual malignant cells prior to said administering to the patient said dose of stem cells.

64. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said administering to the patient
said dose of lymphocytes is only effected during a period selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) a period starting more than about one day following said autologous stem cell transplantation;
- (ii) a period starting at a time following said autologous stem cell transplantation selected from the group consisting of about 5 weeks, about 6 weeks, about 7 weeks, about 55 days, about 8 weeks, about 58 days, about 10 weeks, about 71 days, about 11 weeks, about 90 days, about 14 weeks, and about 20 weeks; and
- (iii) a period ending about 20 weeks following said autologous stem cell transplantation.